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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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MONIKA KASZAK,

Plaintiff, : <u>ORDER</u>

-v- : 19-CV-4723 (AJN) (JLC)

TRATTORIA TRE COLORI INC. et al.,

: Defendants. : ------ک

JAMES L. COTT, United States Magistrate Judge.

WHEREAS, the parties came before me for a settlement conference on December 9, 2019 and reached a settlement today; and

WHEREAS, the parties advised me that in order for me to review the settlement papers they will be consenting to my jurisdiction over this case under 28 U.S.C. § 636(c) and will submit a consent form to Judge Nathan in the near future;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the parties are directed to file a joint letter motion along with their settlement agreement **no later than January 13, 2020** to request court approval. The letter motion should explain why the proposed settlement is fair and reasonable and otherwise comply with the Second Circuit's decision in *Cheeks v. Freeport Pancake House, Inc.*, 796 F.3d 199 (2d Cir. 2015). The parties are directed to this Court's rulings in *Cruz v. Relay Delivery, Inc.*, 17-CV-7475 (JLC), 2018 WL 4203720 (S.D.N.Y. Sept. 4, 2018) (no reemployment provision impermissible and provision related to communication with media should not be overly restrictive); *Rivera v. Relay Delivery, Inc.*, 17-CV-5012 (JLC), 2018 WL 1989618 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 26, 2018) (release that was broader and thus more favorable to defendants than plaintiff's narrower release was impermissible): *Howard v. Don Coleman Advertising, Inc.*, 16-CV-5060 (JLC), 2017 WL 773695 (S.D.N.Y. Feb. 28, 2017) (mutual non-disparagement

provision must include carve-out for truthfulness); and *Souza v. 65 St. Marks Bistro*, 15-CV-327 (JLC), 2015 WL 7271747 (S.D.N.Y. Nov. 6, 2015) (regarding impermissible confidentiality provisions and the proper scope of mutual general releases), for further guidance as to permissible and impermissible terms.

For recent settlement papers that the Court has approved, the parties are directed to the following cases, as examples: *Rodriguez v. Emenike*, No. 18-CV-5786 (Dkt. Nos. 36, 38 (settlement agreement); Dkt. No. 37 (court approval order)); *Yahuiti v. L Ray LLC*, No. 19-CV-1114 (Dkt. No. 24 (settlement agreement); Dkt. No. 25 (court approval order)); *De Luna Hernandez v. City Catering*, No. 18-CV-3919 (Dkt. No. 49 (settlement agreement); Dkt. No. 50 (court approval order)); and *Sanchez v. New York Kimchi Catering Corp.*, No. 16-7784 (Dkt. No. 98 (settlement agreement) and Dkt. No. 99 (court approval order).

SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 11, 2019 New York, New York

JAMES L. COTT

United States Magistrate Judge